THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The growth rate and share of service sector in the GDP during the last five years (2002-03 to 2006-07) is given in the following table.

Growth rates and Share of Service Sector

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Growth Rate (%) Share	7.4	8.5	9.6	9.8	11.0
(as % of GDP)	52.7	52.9	53.7	54.1	54.6

N.B: Services sector includes Trade, Hotels and Restaurant, Transport, Storage and Communication, financing, insurance, real estate and business services and community, social and personal services. The growth rate is in 1999-2000 prices while the share of service sector in the GDP is in current prices.

Source: Based on information available from Central Statistical Organisation.

(b) There is no centralized system of assessing and projecting the specific need and availability of skilled manpower in various sectors such as health, information technology, education, legal services and tourism, etc. These are studied/assessed by specialized bodies/agencies. Industry associations, trade bodies and chambers of commerce periodically estimate the need of skilled manpower in their specific areas.

Public transport infrastructure

2559. SHRI. C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport Ministers of Southern States, Maharashtra and Goa in a meeting held in Thiruvanthapuram have called upon the Centre to formulate a policy that lays emphasis on development of public transport infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, whether any measures are proposed which include providing aid to the States for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of financial aid earmarked to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Postings of surveyors of MMD

2560. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some surveyors of the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), enjoy postings in the same port for long periods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the rules in force to ensure that the same surveyors do not repeatedly get postings in Goa and other choice places;

(e) whether it is a fact that some complaints have been received against MMD officers for harassing the shipping sector frequently;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The following 9 surveyors have been posted in the same for more than 3 years:—

Sl. No	Name of the Surveyor	Place of Posting .	From	To	Total period
1	Capt.S.C.Mondal, Nautical Surveyor	MMD, Mumbai MMD, Kolkata	29.04.99 02.05.03	01.05.03 Till Date	4 years 4 years 3 Months
2	Capt. P. Mishra, Nautical Surveyor	MMD, Kolkata	11.01.95	26.07.99	4 year 6 Months
		MMD, Chennai	27.07.99	Till Date	8 Years
3	Capt. K.P Jayakumar, Nautical Surveyor	MMD, Goa	14.05.99	26.05.04	5 years
4.	Capt. S.K. Shukla, Nautical Surveyor	MMD, Mumbai	03.08.98	27.05.03	4 years 10 months
		MMD, Jamnagar	06.05.04	Till Date	3 Year 3 months
5	Capt. Derrick Vaz, Nautical Surveyor	MMD, Mumbai	19.03.99	Till Date	8 Years 5 Months
6	Shri R.V.B. Nair, Engineer and Ship Surveyor	MMD, Kolkata MMD, Mumbai	05.01.98 27.09.02	23.09.02 Till date	4 Year 8 Months 4 Years 10 Months
7	Shri Dilip Mehrotra, Dy Chief Surveyor	DGS, Mumbai	10.11.03	Till Date	3 Years 8 Months
8	Shri Anjon Roy, Engineer and Ship Surveyor	MMD, Kolkata	02.11.2000	Till date	6 years 9 Months
9	Shri S. S. Gadkar, Engineer and Ship Surveyor	MMD, Mumbai	09.08.99	Till Date	7 Years

(c) and (d) There is no fixed tenure for which a surveyor is posted in one port. 'Postings of surveyors are reviewed every year and transfers are done taking into account various other considerations, *viz.* continuity in the interest of public office, availability of surveyors, complaints against surveyors, if any, personal compulsions etc.

(e) and (f) The details of complaints received against the surveyors of MMDs during the last three years are given below:—

Year	No. of complaints received	Anonymous/ Pseudonymous complaints	Actionable complaints
2005	3	1	2
2006	4	2	2
2007	4	2	2

On examining the complaints and conducting the preliminary investigation it was observed that there was not enough evidence to prove the allegations against the officers concerned. Hence, such cases have been closed by giving a warning to the concerned officer. In some cases the concerned officers have been transferred to other stations.

Repairing and improvement of NH 31A in Sikkim

2561. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upgradation, improvement and development of National Highway 31-A in the State of Sikkim is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when the repairing and improvement of the above NH in Sikkim is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Two laning with paved shoulders of NH 31-A from Sivoke (West Bengal) to Gangtok (Sikkim) has been approved by the Government for implementation under Phase-A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme – North East on Built Operate and Transfer (Annuity) basis. National Highways Authority of India has already undertaken preparation of Detailed Project Report and Bidding Documents and as per Government approval, target is to complete the work by March, 2009. Repairing of the National Highway is a continuous process and Border Roads Organisation is carrying out necessary repairs, from time to time, to keep the road in traffic worthy condition.